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Serving 700,000 Michigan Residents

CWW Represents:

Cities: Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City,
Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus,
Wayne and Westland

Townships: Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford,
Sumpter and Van Buren

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Substitute for HB 6070 (911 Service Fees)

The Honorable Cameron Brown:
Chair, Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee

You or someone you care dearly about has been saved by calling 9-1-1. The legislation that helps fund 9-1-1 for your constituents will sunset in February 2009. So it is evident how critical it is to pass new legislation. For several years, representatives of the public safety community, MAC, MML and the telecommunications industry have worked tirelessly to draft compromise legislation that provides stable 9-1-1 funding, restores reasonable funding limits and provides oversight. **We are therefore urging your immediate support of the Senate Substitute for HB 6070.** This Bill was referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee on December 2, 2008 with modifications to address bond obligations if a county pledges 9-1-1 funds as security for payment.

As you know, the CWW region provides public services to more than 700,000 Michigan citizens. This area also hosts some of the most vital business and industries in the state. Our Board of Directors consists of the CWW region's 18 Chief Elected Officials. They are a Board that works in unity and with a collective voice. We believe you **consider the CWW region as a significant constituency and that the citizens of Michigan deserve the life saving protection of 9-1-1 service.**

- **Public Safety is a Vital Issue Right Now and a Priority for your Constituents.**
- **The Senate Substitute for HB 6070 will create a sunset date of December 31, 2014.**
- **The Senate Substitute for HB 6070 represents compromise legislation that has support from both the public safety community and the telecommunications industry.**
- **9-1-1 is a Mandated Essential Public Service that requires a stable funding mechanism,**
- **The proposed \$0.42 cent surcharge will help Wayne County communities defray the more than \$43 million augmented annually from individual community's general funds.**
- **Any delay passing this legislation could pose a serious threat to the well- being of your residents.**

- **Support the Senate Substitute for HB 6070 as passed by the Senate Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee without any changes.**

Please note that all our Mayors and Supervisors support the Senate Substitute for HB 6070 and look forward to reporting on your support for this vital legislation.

The CWW Board of Directors is listed below, but should you have any questions or comments, I would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,
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